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Academic and Student Affairs Committee
June 9, 2016
Petersen Room, Allen Library

Call to Order and Attendance

Committee Chair Regent Rice called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Committee members present: Regents Rice (Chair), Kritzer, Riojas, and Simon
Other Regents present: Ayer, Benoliel, Blake, Harrell, Jaech, and Shanahan
Others present at the table: President Cauce, Provost Baldasty, ASUW President Wu, GPSS
President Bolton, and Faculty Senate Chair Beauchamp.

Approval of Minutes

Regent Rice announced that, hearing no objections, the minutes from the Committee meeting on
May 12, 2016 would be approved, as distributed.

Academic and Administrative Appointments (Action) (Item no. A–1)

Ana Mari Cauce, University President, noted the appointment of Jerry Baldasty as Provost.
Regent Rice presented Provost Baldasty with a set of coasters, and admonished him not to
“coast” during his tenure as Provost.

Gerald J. Baldasty, Provost and Executive Vice President, continued the report and highlighted
the appointment of Michelle Martin as the Beverly Cleary Endowed Professor in the Information
School. The Professorship in children and youth services honors beloved children’s author, and
UW alumna, Beverly Cleary.

Regent Riojas moved, Regent Kritzer seconded, and the Committee voted to approve the
academic and administrative appointments. Regent Kritzer abstained from the vote.

Granting of Degrees for 2015-16 (Action) (Item no. A–2)

Provost Baldasty asked the Committee to approve granting of approximately 15, 800 degrees for
the 2015-16 academic year.

Regent Kritzer moved, Regent Kritzer seconded, and the Committee voted to approve the
granting of degrees.

Introduction of New Leadership: Athletic Director (Information) (Item no. A–3)

President Cauce introduced Jennifer Cohen, who was named Athletic Director for Intercollegiate
Athletics effective on June 1. Ms. Cohen reported 17 of the UW’s 22 teams, or 70% of the
athletes, earn GPAs over 3.0. There are 80 football players with a G.P.A. over 3.0. Ms. Cohen reported ICA:
1) Impacts student athletes’ lives positively;
2) Inspires a championship culture;
3) Unites and builds community.
Regents welcomed Ms. Cohen in her new role.

Approve UW Tacoma Change of Status: Designation of the Institute of Technology from a Program to a School at the University of Washington Tacoma as a Collegiate-Level Unit Headed by a Dean (Action) (Item no. A–4)

This item was pulled from the agenda and postponed to a future meeting.

Approve UW Tacoma Change of Status: Designation of the Education Program from a Program to a School at the University of Washington Tacoma as a Collegiate-Level Unit Headed by a Dean (Action) (Item no. A–5)

This item was pulled from the agenda and postponed to a future meeting.

Approve Services and Activities Fee – University of Washington, Tacoma: Distribution of Fees, Allocation of Funds and SAF Guideline Revisions (Action) (Item no. A–6)

UW Tacoma Chancellor Mark Pagano; Cedric Howard, Vice Chancellor of Student Services; and SAF Co-Chairs William Towey and Youcef Bennour, presented the proposal for the UW Tacoma SAF. The proposal recommended no increase in the fee level. The presenters reported the distributions align with the UW Tacoma’s mission. They recommended revising the guidelines to increase the level of involvement of elected student officers and to address issues of continuity. Regent Kritzer encouraged ongoing discussion about the level of support from central administration for student services on all three campuses.

Regent Simon moved, Regent Riojas seconded, and the Committee voted to approve item A–6, as presented.

Approve Services and Activities Fee – University of Washington, Bothell: 2016-17 Distribution of Fees, including Fee Increase, and Allocation of Funds (Action) (Item no. A–7)

Karla Sanchez, UW Bothell, SAF Chair and Senior in Global Studies; Josh Holler, SAF Liaison and Freshman; and George Theo, Dean of Student Affairs, presented UW Bothell’s SAF proposal, and recommended a 2% increase from $89 to $91 per quarter. They said this was necessary to fund new initiatives, including the minimum wage increase to $15, effective January 1, 2017 and support for student parents with childcare and family-friendly spaces. They also plan to fund positions for a part-time career services position and a director of academic affairs, and offer support for undocumented students.

Regent Simon moved, Regent Kritzer seconded, and the Committee voted to approve item A–7, as presented.
Approve Services and Activities Fee – University of Washington, Seattle: 2016-17 Reduction of Fees, Distribution of Fees, Allocation of Funds, and SAF Guidelines Revisions (Action) (Item no. A–8)

Vice President for Student Life Denzil Suite and SAF Chair Michael R. (Mac) Zellem presented the proposal for the SAF at the UW Seattle, recommending a decrease from $131 to $129 per quarter. They plan to support a student veteran life center. They shared plans to start the process to pay off the HUB/ECC/Hall Health bond funds early to reduce the burden on future students. Mr. Zellem said funding is allocated to offset the operating losses at The Daily student newspaper to wipe out the deficit and to create a stable funding model. The item included minor changes to the guidelines.

Regent Kritzer moved and the Committee voted to approve item A–8, as presented.

Regents strongly encouraged the three campuses to work together to share innovations and to coordinate their presentations through the Office of Planning and Budgeting in a consistent format. Items for all three campuses will be updated displaying 4% as the mandated loan fund amount for long-term student loan distributions.

Approve 2016-17 Student Technology Fee Adjustment, University of Washington, Seattle (Action) (Item no. A–9)

Vice President Suite and Student Technology Fee (STF) Co-Chairs Kiehl Sundt and Bryce Kolton presented a proposal to decrease the Technology Fee from $41 to $38 per quarter and assess the fee in summer quarter. The STF Co-Chairs reported the fund is underspent and amassing reserves. Steps are in place to increase the number of projects funded by the STF.

Regent Riojas moved and the Committee voted to approve item A–9, as presented.

Provost Advisory Committee for Students (PACS) Recommendation and Budgeting Principles FY17-19 (Information) (Item no. A–10)

PACS Chair Alice Popejoy and PACS Vice Chair Kevin Celustka provided recommendations and budgeting principles for the upcoming fiscal year. They explained how PACS aligns with elected student groups. They encouraged more engagement with students at the college and school level. President Cauce said progress is being made in that area.

Race and Equity Initiative Update (Information) (Item no. A–11)

President Cauce invited Ed Taylor, Vice Provost and Dean, Undergraduate Academic Affairs; Jeanette James, Staff Diversity Specialist, Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity; and Chadwick Allen, Associate Vice Provost for Faculty Advancement, Office of the Provost and Office of Minority Affairs and Diversity, Professor of English, to provide an update on the Race and Equity Initiative.

The President said since the beginning of the initiative there has been difficult dialogue around the issues of race and equity. She believes talk is healing and an important step to action. She also knows there is more to do.
Dr. Allen said there has been some success in recruiting faculty. Some increased funding is available for this, but the University is working to raise more. He said retention is a critical part of reaching the goal of a diverse faculty.

Regent Harrell asked how to measure changing perceptions, which drive behavior change, and how the University will evaluate success. Dr. Taylor believes there is “survey fatigue” but longitudinal dialogues will be helpful to measure success.

The Faculty Senate endorsed implicit bias training.

Other Business: Husky Women’s Golf Team

Student athletes and coaches from the NCAA Champion Husky Women’s Golf Team made an appearance at the meeting. The team won its first NCAA title, and maintained a team grade point average close to 4.0. Team members and coaches introduced themselves. Coach Mary Lou Mulflur said athletics offers students opportunities that will make an impact on them during their entire lives. She thanked the Regents for providing resources and support for student athletes. The championship trophy was on display during the presentation. Regents, and others, were pleased to offer the team and the coaches rousing applause and a standing ovation.

Adjourn

Hearing no other business to come before the Committee, Regent Rice adjourned the meeting at 10:15 a.m.

Approved at the meeting of the Board on July 14, 2016